

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 have been amended to correct the spelling of "ribavirin". As ribavirin is the correct common name for "1- β -D-ribofuranosyl-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxamide," which was recited in the originally-filed claims, no new matter has been added by this amendment. Claims 5 and 11 have also been amended to add a parenthesis after the chemical name of "1- β -D-ribofuranosyl-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxamide," in order to set it off from the rest of the claim.

Claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 are under consideration. Claim 1-4, 7-10 and 13-18 stand withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Applicants Elect Group III in Response to the Restriction Requirement

In the outstanding Office Action of November 5, 2004, restriction was required between the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-2, 7-8, drawn to inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH) complexed with inosine monophosphate (IMP) and atomic coordinates thereof;
- Group II: Claims 3-4, 9-10, drawn to IMPDH complexed with xanthosine monophosphate (XMP) and atomic coordinates thereof;
- Group III: Claims 5-6, 11-12, drawn to IMPDH complexed with ribovirin;
- Group IV: Claims 13-17, drawn to a method of identifying an inhibitor of IMPDH using atomic coordinates of IMPDH; and

Group V: Claims 18 drawn to a method of identifying an inhibitor of IMPDH using rational drug design.

Applicants hereby elect group III, claims 5, 6, 11 and 12, drawn to IMPDH complexed with ribavirin. Applicants make the election without prejudice to filing one or more copending applications to the remaining groups.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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